

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-6 (canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A method of treatment of a patient infected with an RNA virus, a disease caused by viruses comprising administering the patient a nucleic acid-binding chemotherapeutic agent which complexes a metal ion, thereby yielding a complex that promotes formation of hydroxyl radicals from hydrogen peroxide, said nucleic acid-binding chemotherapeutic agent being bleomycin, wherein the RNA virus replication rate is inhibited.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Canceled).

10. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~claim 9~~ claim 7 wherein the nucleic acid-binding chemotherapeutic agent is used for the treatment of a disease caused by HIV.

11. (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition comprising:
a nucleic acid-binding chemotherapeutic agent comprising a metal ion complexed therewith, which complex promotes the formation of hydroxyl radicals from hydrogen peroxide *in vivo*; and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient, which comprises an iron-chelating compound which binds iron in a form in which such chelated iron is unable to promote the formation of hydroxyl radicals from hydrogen peroxide.

12. (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical combination composition according to claim 11 wherein the

iron-chelating compound has an iron-chelating capacity which is at least three times lower than that of the nucleic acid-binding chemotherapeutic agent.

13. (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical combination composition according to claim 11 wherein the iron-chelating compound has an iron-chelating capacity which is at least ten times lower than that of the nucleic acid-binding chemotherapeutic agent.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Canceled)

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) A method of treatment of a disease caused by HIV an RNA virus, comprising administering bleomycin to a patient infected with HIV the RNA virus.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 17 wherein the disease caused by an RNA virus is HIVHIV is AIDS.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Canceled)

21. (Canceled)

22. (New) A method of reducing the viral replication rate of HIV in a patient infected with the HIV, comprising administering sufficient quantities of bleomycin to a patient infected with the HIV to inhibit the viral replication rate of the HIV.